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ANNOTATIONS

1. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

At its organizational session, on 17 February 1994, the Open-ended Working Group on the Review of Arrangements for Consultations with Non-Governmental Organizations approved the provisional agenda for its first session, which was drawn up in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/80.

The Working Group will have before it the report on its organizational session.

Documentation

Report of the Open-ended Working Group on the Review of Arrangements for Consultations with Non-Governmental Organizations on its organizational session (E/AC.70/1994/3)

2. Accreditation of non-governmental organizations to participate in the work of the Working Group

The Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 1993/80, invited non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council to participate in the work of the Working Group, in accordance with the provisions of Council resolution 1296 (XLIV).

Also in resolution 1993/80, the Council requested the Working Group to enable other relevant non-governmental organizations, in particular those from developing countries, to contribute their views, in accordance with established practice, as set out in the annex to the resolution.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on accreditation of non-governmental organizations to participate in the work of the Working Group (E/AC.70/1994/4)

3. General review of arrangements for consultations with non-governmental organizations

The Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 1993/80, requested the Working Group to undertake the general review called for by the Council in its decision 1993/214, with a view to updating, if necessary, Council resolution 1296 (XLIV), as well as introducing coherence in the rules governing the participation of non-governmental organizations in international conferences convened by the United Nations.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the review of arrangements for consultations with non-governmental organizations (E/AC.70/1994/5)

Documentation for information

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting a report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Working with Non-Governmental Organizations: operational activities for development of the United Nations system with non-governmental organizations and Governments at the grass-roots and national levels" and the comments of the Administrative Committee on Coordination thereon (A/49/122-E/1994/44 and Add.1)

4. Examination of ways and means of improving practical arrangements for the work of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations and the Non-Governmental Organizations Unit of the Secretariat

The Council, in its resolution 1993/80, invited the Working Group to include in its review an examination of ways and means of improving practical arrangements for the work of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations and the Non-Governmental Organizations Unit of the Secretariat.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the review of arrangements for consultations with non-governmental organizations (E/AC.70/1994/5)

5. Adoption of the report of the Working Group on its first session

The Council, in its resolution 1993/80, invited the Working Group to submit a progress report to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1994 and to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session.

The Council also requested the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, at an inter-sessional meeting in 1994, to review the progress report and to transmit its comments to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1994.